

Master in Political Ecology
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LEGAL TOOLS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

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Objectives

The aim of this part of the course is to offer students knowledge on some relevant legal tools that we believe that will be specially useful for their professional life. All the instructors are very well known law professors belonging to several universities remarkably specialized on the topic.

Throughout the course, we will look, on the first session, at the possibilities that the law gives to citizens for accessing to relevant environmental information. We will explain what does it mean to participate in decision making procedures, in drafting new pieces of regulation and what does it mean having standing to sue and go to tribunals seeking, for example, a specific relief. We will then turn to the second and the third session and these hours we will look at the Environmental litigation under international and European law. The purpose, here, will be stressing which are the existing legal tools and showing examples of casw-law to be able to learn more by understanding the different issues involved and how they have eventually be solved. In the following session we will focus ourselves on Environmental litigation and administrative law, offering the essentials about suing public entities, because often, some environmental Justice problems arise because of their activities (or lack of activities!). The last 2 hours of the course will be devoted to listen and share some general advice for any Environmental Litigation at the domestic level (public law -including criminal law- and private law). Some warnings and recommendations will be given and discussed.

Structure

The course has 5, two-hour classes (10h total). Each class will involve a mixing of teaching and discussion. To participate in class, you should have read the readings carefully given in advance the first day of the course. With this preparation, you will be

able to follow the class, and you will get the best of it. Instructors will assume that students have done the readings

All articles and reading material for the class will be uploaded in a special Dropbox folder ([link: xxx](#)) and will stay there up to three months after the end of the class, after which it will be deleted. The course does not require you to buy books.

Program outline

1. Access to environmental information. Participation in relevant environmental policy and decision-making (**2 HOURS**). Dra. Isabel Pont: Isabel.Pont@uab.cat
2. Environmental litigation under international and European law (**4 HOURS**). Dra. Mar Campins (mcampins@ub.edu) – with the help of Dra. Susana Borràs (Susana.Borras@urv.edu) / Dr. Jordi Jaria (Jordi.Jaria@urv.edu)
3. Environmental litigation and administrative law (suing public entities) (**2 HOURS**). Dr. Juan Emilio Nieto, UAB (juanemilio.nieto@uab.cat)
4. General advice for any Environmental Litigation at the domestic level (public law - including criminal law- and private law) (**2 HOURS**). Dr. Alex Peñalver, UB (alexpenalvercabre@ub.es)